GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public Servants – Sri G. Sreenivasulu, Deputy Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department and former Asst. Secy. to Government, Public Enterprises Department – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated – AoCs issued – WSD submitted - Imposition of a penalty of "Censure" under Rule 9(i) of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 214 Dated: 30-01-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O. Rt.No.235, General Administration (SC. D) Dept., dated.02.02.2023
2. Written Statement of Defence dated:03.07.2023 from Sri G. Sreenivasulu, the then Asst. Secy. to Government, Public Enterprises Department

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O R D E R :

In the G.O. first read above, the following Article of Charge was framed against Sri G. Sreenivasulu, Deputy Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department:

> "That G. Sreenivasulu, while working as Assistant Secretary to Government Public Enterprises Department approved the proposal for sanction of hire charges to hired vehicle bearing No.AP16 TVC 1156 @ Rs.35,000/- per month for the months of February and March 2019, without competency. Thus violated Rule 3(1) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964"

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri G. Sreenivasulu, Deputy Secretary, Water Resources Department, the then Asst. Secy. to Government, Public Enterprises Department, submitted his WSD that in P.E Dept., a post of Advisor is available which is equal to pay scale of Deputy Secretary to Government and he was placed FAC to the post of "Advisor" and utilized the vehicle allotted to the Advisor. As hire charges were to be paid to the vehicle supplier, under impression that being a middle level officer i.e., advisor (FAC) is competent to sanction the hire charges on behalf of Secretary to PE Dept., he had sanctioned the same. He further submitted that if he is not eligible for the said sanction, his action sanctioning the same may be treated as procedural irregularity committed by him and he may kindly be excused as a first mistake, and assured that he would take utmost care while dealing with such matters in future and requested to drop further action in the matter.

3. Govt. have observed that:

a. As per cadre strength of PE Dept., there are two Advisor posts available in P.E. Department, which is equal to Deputy Secretary to Government cadre as per pay scales (Rs.56870 – 105810 as per RPC 2015).

b. Sri Vadapalli Prabhakar has been posted as Advisor in 2008 and he retired from service on 31.01.2019 on superannuation. The Advisor has not used hire vehicle up to his retirement.

c. Sri G. Sreenivasulu, the then Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Enterprises Department was kept in FAC to the post of Advisor with effect from 01.02.2019.

d. The Finance Department in their U.O.No.25042/5/2018-(HR.VI-TER) dated 03.05.2018 has accorded permission to hire one private vehicle for the use of newly posted Deputy Secretary, i.e. Sri P. Srinivasulu in PE Department. Accordingly, administrative sanction orders were issued for 10 months in G.O.Rt.No.6, PE (OP) Dept., dt.18.06.2018 to engage hire private vehicle for the period from 01.06.2018 to 31.03.2019 on monthly basis @ Rs.35,000/-. The said Officer used the hire vehicle from 01.06.2018 to 31.01.2019 (8 months) and he was transferred from this Department along with post.

e. The Charged Officer Sri G. Sreenivasulu, the then Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Enterprises Department was kept in FAC to the post of Advisor, with effect from 01.02.2019. For the remaining two months i.e.01.02.2019 to 31.03.2019, hire vehicle was used by the Charged Officer i.e. Sri G. Sreenivasulu, the then A.S to Govt., PE Dept.

f. When the file was submitted to the Secretary, for payment of Rs.35,000/- to Hire vehicle for February 2019 for approval, the Secretary to Government sent back the e-office file to the Assistant Secretary on 20.03.2019 with remarks "Returned".

g. Later, the Assistant Secretary has approved the file and ordered to issue O.O.Rt. at his level for sanction of hire vehicle for Feb 2019 & March 2019 (two months) for an amount of Rs.35,000/- per month.

h. Sri G. Sreenivasulu, the then Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Enterprises Department has approved O.O.Rts without competency.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter have held the charge as proved and decided to impose the penalty of Censure under Rule 9 (i) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri G. Sreenivasulu, Deputy Secretary, Water Resources Department besides recovery of Rs.70,000/- (payments made without the approval of competent authority).

5. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of "Censure" against Sri G. Sreenivasulu, Deputy Secretary, Water Resources Department under Rule 9 (i) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, besides recovery of Rs.70,000/- (payments made without the approval of competent authority).

6. The General Administration (SC.F) Department and the Water Resources Department shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.VIJAYANAND
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri G. Sreenivasulu, Deputy Secretary, Water Resources Department (through the Water Resources (OP) Department
The Water Resources Department
The General Administration (SC.F) Department
The Public Enterprises Department
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The PS to Chief Secretary to Government
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